

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Previously Presented) A pressure-sensitive tape ~~for closing, sealing or gluing joints in house construction, including joints in corners and edges,~~ comprising:

a backing layer[[,]];

an adhesive layer supported by the backing layer[[,]] and

a peelable protective film ~~resting on~~ overlaying the adhesive layer, wherein the protective film [[has]] including at least one slit running in a longitudinal direction of the tape, [[and]] the tape [[is]] being folded upon itself in a transverse direction along [[the]] a particular one of the at least one slit in such a manner that a folded edge of the tape is defined thereby and at least a portion of the protective film which is adjacent to said folded edge is disposed ~~on an outer layer of the tape~~ and that as an outwardly facing layer on a side of the tape opposite to a side on which a remaining portion of the protective film is disposed as an outer surface, at least a lateral longitudinal section is provided in said protective film, said section being perforated of said tape including perforations formed at least through said backing layer and said adhesive layer, a central region of said tape being free of the perforations.

2. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 1, wherein ~~the tape is slit twice and~~ said at least one slit includes two slits, said tape being folded along said particular one of the two slits in the transverse direction.

3. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing comprises at least one of paper and/or and a plastic film, and the adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive acrylate adhesive.

4. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing is hand tearable transversely to the longitudinal direction of the tape.

5. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein:
the adhesive layer has a non-adhering central strip; and
said particular one slit along which the tape is folded is disposed the
~~protective film is slit~~ along a line between the non-adhering central strip and ~~[[the]]~~
an adjoining region of the adhesive layer ~~and is folded along the line.~~

6. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein said folded tape is in ~~[[the]]~~ a form of a roll.

7. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 6, ~~wherein further comprising~~ an intermediate layer which is provided at least at ~~the folded side~~ a side of the roll at which the folded edge of the tape is disposed.

8. (Currently amended) A ~~[[The]]~~ combination of the tape of claim 6 and a dispenser, ~~the dispenser~~ for storing the tape and ~~being adapted~~ for unrolling of the tape therefrom thereby to dispense the tape.

9. (Currently amended) The combination of claim 8, wherein means are provided at least ~~at the folded~~ a side of the roll at which the folded edge of the tape is disposed for preventing adhesion to the dispenser.

10. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the tape is at least 3 to 4 cm wide when not folded.

11. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein ~~[[two]]~~ at least another lateral longitudinal ~~sections, which are perforated, are provided~~ section of said tape includes perforations formed at least through said backing layer and said adhesive layer.

12. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the tape includes a non-adhering central strip, ~~is provided~~ and the ~~perforated lateral~~ longitudinal section is located at a distance from the non-adhering central strip.

13. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein said perforations extend through the backing layer, the adhesive layer and the protective film ~~are perforated~~.

14. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing ~~consists of~~ comprises an open-pored material which exhibits adhesion properties for plaster.

15. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the ~~perforated section has openings with~~ perforations have an average diameter of at least 3 millimeters.

16. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 15, wherein the ~~openings~~ perforations are at least one of essentially circular, polygonal ~~[[or]]~~ and oval.

17. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 8, wherein the dispenser has at least one outlet slot for the tape.

18. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 8, wherein the dispenser is comprised of cardboard.

19. (Currently amended) A pressure-sensitive tape, comprising:

a backing layer;

an adhesive layer supported by the backing layer, said adhesive layer having a longitudinally extending non-adhering central strip; and

a protective film in contact with ~~[[on]]~~ the adhesive layer ~~having at least one tear line formed of a series of perforations, said tear line being formed in a longitudinal direction of the tape; the protective film including at least one slit running in a longitudinal direction of the tape, the tape being folded upon itself in a transverse direction along a particular one of the at least one slit in such a manner that a folded edge of the tape is defined thereby and at least a portion of the protective film which is adjacent to said folded edge is disposed as an outwardly facing layer on a side of the tape opposite to a side on which a remaining portion of the protective film is disposed as an outer surface, said particular one slit along which the tape is folded being disposed along a line between the non-adhering central strip and an adjoining region of the adhesive layer~~ the tear line such that the protective film is disposed on an outer layer of the tape after folding.

20. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 19, wherein ~~the tape includes two tear lines and is~~ said at least one slit includes two slits, said tape being folded along said particular one of the ~~tear lines~~ two slits in the transverse direction.

21. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 19 or 20, ~~further comprising wherein~~ said backing layer ~~including~~ comprises at least one of paper and a plastic film, ~~wherein and~~ said adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive acrylate adhesive.

22. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein the backing layer is hand tearable transversely to the longitudinal direction of the tape.

23. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein ~~the adhesive layer has a non-adhering central strip~~ at least a lateral longitudinal section of said tape includes perforations formed at least through said backing layer and said adhesive layer..

24. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein said folded tape is in ~~[[the]]~~ a form of a roll.

25. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 24, ~~wherein~~ further comprising an intermediate layer which is provided at least at ~~the folded side~~ a side of the roll at which the folded edge of the tape is disposed.

26. (Currently amended) A ~~[[The]]~~ combination of the tape of claim 24 and a dispenser, ~~the dispenser for~~ for storing the tape and ~~being adapted~~ for unrolling of the tape therefrom thereby to dispense the tape.

27. (Currently amended) The combination of claim 26, wherein means are provided at least ~~at the folded~~ a side of the roll at which the folded edge of the tape is disposed for preventing adhesion to the dispenser

28. (Previously Presented) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein the tape is at least 3 to 4 cm wide when not folded.

29. (Currently amended) The tape of claim ~~19 or 20~~ 23, wherein said perforations extend through the backing layer, the adhesive layer and the protective film ~~are perforated~~.

30. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein the backing ~~consists of~~ comprises an open-pored material which exhibits adhesion properties for plaster.

31. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein the ~~perforated section has openings with~~ perforations have an average diameter of at least 3 millimeters.

32. (Currently amended) The tape of claim ~~[[32]]~~ 23, wherein the ~~openings~~ perforations are at least one of essentially circular, polygonal ~~[[or]]~~ and oval.

33. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 26, wherein the dispenser has at least one outlet slot for the tape.

34. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 26, wherein the dispenser is comprised of cardboard.